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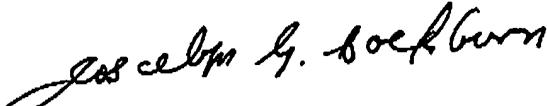
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The examiner partitioned the claims into a two-way restriction in which Claims 1-14 and 35-46 are classified in Group I and Claims 25-34 are classified in Group II.

In response, applicants have selected Group I claims for examination and cancelled Group II (claims 25-34) without prejudice. In reviewing the restriction requirement it is noted that Group I only addresses Claims 1-14 and Claims 35-46. It appears as if this is an error in that Claims 15-24 should also be classified in Group I. It appears as if the examiner classifying only Claims 1-14 and 35-46 in Group I appears to be an error. Instead, the classification should have been Claims 1-24 and 35-46. If the examiner agrees with this adjustment to the claims then applicants have no objection in examining Claims 1-24 and 35-46 as Group I claims. If the examiner believes that Claims 15-24 should not be included in Group I classification then applicants intend to traverse the restriction and require that the examiner issue a new office action addressing all the claims including Claims 15-24 which were not addressed in this Restriction Requirement.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE".

Respectfully submitted,



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